



# Newsletter

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Worship God.**

**Follow Jesus.**

**Serve Others.**

*“All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.” Colossians 1:6*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sometimes the world shrinks in our understanding as we focus on what is happening in our own “little” world, and forget what is happening in other places. Other lands and other people groups are also hearing and responding to the gospel message, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. So when we see in our culture a straying from Judaeo/Christian values and morality, justice and righteousness, compassion and kindness, we assume that is what is happening all over the world. Not true!

As the Apostle Paul writes to the church in Colossae, “all over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing”, it continues to do the same in our generation also. The importance of keeping a Godly world view is to recognize the omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience of God. Our perspective and understanding is very limited. The Church of Jesus Christ is not limited, but powerful and present all over the world.

A recent analytical report indicated that if we were to somehow condense or reduce the world population of Christians into one human being, that person would appear as a 26 year old, African woman! That probably surprises many of us, but also pleases us to know how much the church is growing all over the world. Our own United Methodist denomination is global in nature and is already 40% African. What a testimony that is to the success of world mission efforts in the previous century.

May you be blessed to know that you are a part of a very large, inclusive, extensive and expanding body of believers. May God be glorified through the sharing of the Gospel and the growing of the Christian Church.

Blessings,

Wade S. Panse, Pastor

## MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

Our Pastor is again leading a Membership Orientation Class for persons who are exploring the possibility of partnering with this local church in ministry and mission. Each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in the month of September, individuals are invited to join together in the prayer room of the church to discuss together the subjects of basic Christian beliefs, distinctive United Methodist beliefs and responsible church membership.

Persons who are already members and have been for years are also invited to attend and receive a “refresher course” as to the purpose and meaning of the church.

For those who want to express their faith through membership in this local church, an opportunity will be given on the last Sunday of the month, September 26.



The Cass County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 3, at the Cass County COA track. Registration is at 1:30, walk starts at 2:00. Registration packets are available in Wood Hall.

We are also in need of someone to join the CROP Walk Board of Directors to replace Jane Moraw who has served for many years. Jane is also looking for a volunteer to help with this year's church collection and coordination. See her if you can help with this worthy cause. (For more information, pick up a packet.)



Helping Hands is having a Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, September 4 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM (during the downtown Farmers Market). Over **300 Halloween costumes** will be offered, along with the \$2.00 bag sale and a jacket and sweatshirt sale.

**THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED:**

*Dear Friends in Christ:*

*Thank you so much for supporting the mission of Helping Hands. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

*Mary Tompi, Helping Hands*

*Dear Sewing Sowers:*

*It was so thoughtful of you to think of me. Thanks you for the lovely pillowcase. I appreciate your kindness.*

*Laura Maddox*

*Thank you to all who made the beautiful pillowcases. We appreciate your kindness.*

*Norma McRae , Betty Rutz and Norma Deardorf*

*Dear Cassopolis United Methodist Church:*

*Thank you for the donation of \$100. to Domestic & Sexual Abuse Services. Your donation allows DASAS to provide services to victims in Cass, St. Joe and Van Buren counties.*

*Deborah Hackworth & McKenna Huffsutter, Directors*

*Dear Sewing Sowers:*

*I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful pillowcase.*

*Mary Nelson*



Among our wonderful members we have three ladies named "Betty."

Pictured are Betty Lou Ackerman, Betty "Jane" Moraw, and Betty Ruth Rutz.



We are in need of volunteers for October, November and December. You have the opportunity to usher, greet, provide refreshments and altar flowers, or to give the children's chat or act as worship leader...and we all love the occasional special music. The sign-up sheet is by the kitchen in Wood Hall. Please sign up as you are able. Thank you!



The Adamsville Rd Church of God, Elkhart, is again offering GriefShare seminar/support group on Mondays, September 13 - November 22. For more information pick up a flier in Wood Hall, or call 574-264-7255, or go [GriefShare.arcog@gmail.com](mailto:GriefShare.arcog@gmail.com).

### ***SERMON SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER***

<b><i>September 5</i></b>	<b><i>Royal Law</i></b>	<b><i>"Love Your Neighbor"</i></b>	<b><i>James 2:1-10</i></b>
<b><i>September 12</i></b>	<b><i>Contradiction</i></b>	<b><i>"This Should Not Be"</i></b>	<b><i>James 3: 1-12</i></b>
<b><i>September 19</i></b>	<b><i>Misconception</i></b>	<b><i>"Draw Near to God"</i></b>	<b><i>James 3:13 - 4:3</i></b>
<b><i>September 26</i></b>	<b><i>Prayer</i></b>	<b><i>"Such Power"</i></b>	<b><i>James 5:13-20</i></b>

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### **REMINDER:**

**All Sunday services are still available on-line on Sunday afternoon. Go to**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Membership Orientation 11 AM <i>J R Kennedy</i> <i>Leslie Paul</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Keith Baker</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> HELPING HANDS SIDEWALK SALE <i>Teresa Dahlgren</i>  <i>Erin Westrate</i> <i>Sarah Wright</i>
<b>5</b> Worship 10 AM Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Membership Orientation 11 AM  <i>Barbara Strlekar</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  <i>Susan Matz</i>
<b>12</b> Worship 10 AM <i>Aiden Dahlgren</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Membership Orientation 11 AM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship 10 AM  Noisy offering - Helping Hands	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Sewing Sowers meet 10 AM	<b>22</b>  <i>Vicki Beebe</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <i>Mary Wright</i>	<b>25</b> Lutheran Church food pantry 11:30 - 1
<b>26</b> Worship 10 AM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>Ty Caruso</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.